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### **CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$25,000 COMPLAINT TO LEMKE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR STORM WATER VIOLATIONS IN CALAVERAS COUNTY**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer has issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint to Lemke Construction Inc. of Copperopolis in the amount of \$25,000 for violations of the construction storm water general permit.

Lemke Construction Inc. is the owner and developer of the Bridlewood Subdivision, a 61-acre construction project in Calaveras County. Runoff from the site discharges to a tributary of Black Creek, which flows to Lake Tulloch and the Stanislaus River. Storm water violations occurred in January 2007.

During a site inspection on 4 January 2007, Regional Board staff observed inadequate sediment and erosion control Best Management Practices and the discharge of sediment-laden storm water from the construction area to a tributary of Black Creek. In addition, the discharger failed to implement an effective Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan in violation of Permit conditions. The discharge turbidity was measured at 1670 NTUs compared to background conditions of 30 NTUs. The violations caused or threatened to cause pollution of downstream receiving waters. A Notice of Violation was issued on 8 January 2007.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board may consider the Complaint at its regular board meeting on May 3 or 4, 2007.